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Approval Package for: 074677

Trade Name : CAPTOPRIL TABLETS USP

Generic Name: Captopril Tablets USP 12.5mg, 25mg, 50mg and 100mg

Sponsor : Stason Industrial Corp.

Approval Date: May 30, 1997

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Application Number 074677

APPROVAL LETTERS

MAY 30 1997

Stason Industrial Corporation
Attention: Min-Liang Pan, Ph.D.
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Irvine, CA 92718-2005

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated June 2, 1995, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Captopril Tablets USP, 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated February 20, December 12, March 3, and May 6, 1997.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly, the application is approved. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Captopril Tablets USP, 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Capoten® Tablets 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg, respectively, of Bristol Myers Squibb). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

Under 21 CFR 314.70, certain changes in the conditions described in this abbreviated application require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy which you intend to use in your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-240). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-240) with a completed Form FD-2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

- 5/30/97
Douglas L. Spohn
Director
Office of Generic Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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FINAL PRINTED LABELING

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Manufactured for:
BOSCOGEN™, INC.
Irvine, CA 92718
By: Stason Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Irvine, CA 92718

Made in USA

BOSCOGEN™, INC.

500 Tablets NDC 62033-1014-1

100 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP

Caution: Federal law prohibits
dispensing without prescription.

Each Tablet Contains:

100mg Captopril

Usual Dosage: See package insert



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By: Stason Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Irvine, CA 92718

Made in USA

BOSCOGEN™, INC.

100 Tablets NDC 62033-1014-0

100 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP

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Each Tablet Contains:

100mg Captopril

Usual Dosage: See package insert



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Irvine, CA 92718

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BOSCOGEN™, INC.

1000 Tablets NDC 62033-1013-2

50 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP

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dispensing without prescription.

Each Tablet Contains:

50mg Captopril

Usual Dosage: See package insert



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100 Tablets NDC 62033-1013-0

**50 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP**

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**Each Tablet Contains:
50mg Captopril**
Usual Dosage: See package insert



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1000 Tablets NDC 62033-1012-2

25 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP

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Each Tablet Contains:

25mg Captopril

Usual Dosage: See package insert



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Keep tightly closed (protect from moisture). Dispense in a light container. Do not store above 86° F. NDC 62033-1012-9

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Irvine, CA 92718

Made in USA

BOSCOGENTM, INC.

100 Tablets NDC 62033-1012-0

**25 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP**

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**Each Tablet Contains:
25mg Captopril**

Usual Dosage: See package insert



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By: Stason Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Irvine, CA 92718

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BOSCOGEN™, INC.

1000 Tablets NDC 62033-1011-2

12.5 mg
CAPTOPRIL TABLETS, USP

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dispensing without prescription.

Each Tablet Contains:

12.5mg Captopril

Usual Dosage: See package insert



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Keep tightly closed (protect from moisture). Dispense in a tight container. Do not store above 86° F. NDC 62033-1011-0

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Irvine, CA 92718

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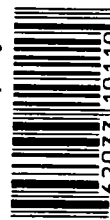
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patients at risk for the development of hypertension include those with renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, and those using concomitant potassium-sparing diuretics, potassium supplements or potassium-containing salt substitutes, or other drugs associated with increases in serum potassium. (See PRECAUTIONS: Information for Patients and Drug Interactions.)

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Altered Laboratory Findings.
Cough: Presumably due to the inhibition of the degradation of endogenous bradykinin, persistent nonproductive cough has been reported with all ACE inhibitors, always resolving after discontinuation of therapy. ACE inhibitor-induced cough should be considered in the differential diagnosis of cough.

Valvular Stenosis: There is concern, on theoretical grounds, that patients with aortic stenosis might be at particular risk of decreased coronary perfusion when treated with vasodilators because they do not develop as much afterload reduction as others.

Surgery/Anesthesia: In patients undergoing major surgery or during anesthesia with agents that produce hypotension, captopril will block angiotensin II formation secondary to compensatory renin release. If hypotension occurs and is considered to be due to this mechanism, it can be corrected by volume expansion.

Hemodialysis
Recent clinical observations have shown an association of hypersensitivity-like (anaphylactoid) reactions during hemodialysis with high-flux dialysis membranes (e.g., AN69) in patients receiving ACE inhibitors. In these patients, consideration should be given to using a different type of dialysis membrane or a different class of medication. (See WARNINGS: Anaphylactoid Reactions During Membrane Exposure.)

Information for Patients
Patients should be advised to immediately report to their physician any signs or symptoms suggesting angioedema (e.g., swelling of face, eyes, lips, tongue, larynx and extremities; difficulty in swallowing or breathing; hoarseness) and to discontinue therapy. (See WARNINGS: Angioedema.)

Patients should be told to report promptly any indication of infection (e.g., sore throat, fever), which may be a sign of neutropenia, or of progressive edema which might be related to proteinuria and nephrotic syndrome.

All patients should be cautioned that excessive perspiration and dehydration may lead to an excessive fall in blood pressure because of reduction in fluid volume. Other causes of volume depletion such as vomiting or diarrhea may also lead to a fall in blood pressure; patients should be advised to consult with their physician.

Patients should be advised not to use potassium-sparing diuretics, potassium supplements or potassium-containing salt substitutes without consulting their physician. (See PRECAUTIONS: General and Drug Interactions.)

ADVERSE REACTIONS:
Patients should be warned against interruption or discontinuation of medication unless instructed by the physician.

Heart failure patients on captopril therapy should be cautioned against rapid increases in physical activity.

Patients should be informed that captopril should be taken one hour before meals (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Pregnancy. Female patients of childbearing age should be told about the consequences of second- and third-trimester exposure to ACE inhibitors, and they should also be told that these consequences do not appear to have resulted from intrauterine ACE-inhibitor exposure that has been limited to the first trimester. These patients should be asked to report pregnancies to their physicians as soon as possible.

Drug Interactions
Hypotension—Patients on Diuretic Therapy: Patients on diuretics and especially those in whom diuretic therapy was recently instituted, as well as those on severe dietary salt restriction or dialysis, may occasionally experience a precipitous reduction of blood pressure usually within the first hour after receiving the initial dose of captopril.

The possibility of hypotensive effects with captopril can be minimized by either discontinuing the diuretic or increasing the salt intake approximately one week prior to initiation of treatment with captopril or initiating therapy with small doses (6.25 or 12.5 mg). Alternatively, provide medical supervision for at least one hour after the initial dose. If hypotension occurs, the patient should be placed in a supine position, and, if necessary, receive an intravenous infusion of normal saline. This transient hypotensive response is not a contraindication to further doses which can be given without difficulty once the blood

pressure has increased after volume expansion.
Agents Having Vasodilator Activity: Data on the effect of concomitant use of other vasodilators in patients receiving captopril for heart failure are not available; therefore, antihypertensive or other measures (as used for management of angina) or other drugs having vasodilator activity should, if possible, be discontinued before starting captopril. If resumed during captopril therapy, such agents should be administered cautiously, and perhaps at lower dosage.

Agents Causing Renin Release: Captopril's effect will be augmented by antihypertensive agents that cause renin release. For example, diuretics (e.g., thiazides) may activate the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system.

Agents Affecting Sympathetic Activity: The sympathetic nervous system may be especially important in supporting blood pressure in patients receiving captopril alone or with diuretics. Therefore, agents affecting sympathetic activity (e.g., ganglionic blocking agents or adrenergic neuron blocking agents) should be used with caution. Beta-adrenergic blocking drugs add some further antihypertensive effect to captopril, but the overall response is less than additive.

Agents Increasing Serum Potassium: Since captopril decreases aldosterone production, elevation of serum potassium may occur. Potassium-sparing diuretics such as spironolactone, triamterene, or amiloride, or potassium supplements should be given only for documented hypokalemia, and then with caution, since they may lead to a significant increase of serum potassium. Salt substitutes containing potassium should also be used with caution.

Inhibitors of Endogenous Prostaglandin Synthesis: It has been reported that indomethacin may reduce the antihypertensive effect of captopril, especially in cases of low renin hypertension. Other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents (e.g., aspirin) may also have this effect.

Lithium: Increased serum lithium levels and symptoms of lithium toxicity have been reported in patients receiving concomitant lithium and ACE inhibitor therapy. These drugs should be administered with caution and frequent monitoring of serum lithium levels is recommended. If a diuretic is also used, it may increase the risk of lithium toxicity.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interaction
Captopril may cause a false-positive urine test for acetone.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis and Impairment of Fertility
Two-year studies with doses of 50 to 1350 mg/kg/day in mice and rats failed to show any evidence of carcinogenic potential. The high dose in these studies is 150 times the maximum recommended human dose of 450 mg, assuming a 50-kg subject. On a body-surface-area basis, the high doses for mice and rats are 13 and 26 times the maximum recommended human dose, respectively.

Studies in rats have revealed no impairment of fertility.

Animal Toxicology
Chronic oral toxicity studies were conducted in rats (2 years), dogs (47 weeks, 1 year), mice (2 years), and monkeys (1 year). Significant drug-related toxicity included effects on hemopoiesis, renal toxicity, erosion/ulceration of the stomach, and variation of retinal blood vessels.

Reductions in hemoglobin and/or hematocrit values were seen in mice, rats, and monkeys at doses 50 to 150 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 450 mg, assuming a 50-kg subject. On a body-surface-area basis, these doses are 5 to 25 times maximum recommended human dose (MRHD). Anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and bone marrow suppression occurred in dogs at doses 8 to 30 times MRHD on a body-surface-area basis (4 to 15 times MRHD on a surface-area basis). The reductions in hemoglobin and hematocrit values in rats and mice were only significant at 1 year and returned to normal with continued dosing by the end of the study. Marked anemia was seen at all dose levels (8 to 30 times MRHD) in dogs, whereas moderate to marked leukopenia was noted only at 15 to 30 times MRHD and thrombocytopenia at 30 times MRHD. The anemia could be reversed upon discontinuation of dosing. Bone marrow suppression occurred to a varying degree, being associated only with dogs that died or were sacrificed in a moribund condition in the 1 year study. However, in the 47-week study at a dose 30 times MRHD, bone marrow suppression was found to be reversible upon continued drug administration.

Captopril caused hyperplasia of the juxtaglomerular apparatus of the kidneys in mice and rats at doses 7 to 200 times MRHD on a body-surface-area basis (0.6 to 35 times MRHD on a surface-area basis); in monkeys at 20 to 60 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (7 to 20 times MRHD on a surface-area basis); and in dogs at 30 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (15 times MRHD on a surface-area basis). In dogs at 30 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (15 times MRHD on a surface-area basis), rabbits developed gastric and intestinal ulcers when given oral doses approximately 30 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (10 times MRHD on a surface-area basis) for only 5 to 7 days.

In the two-year study, irreversible and progressive variations in the caliber of retinal vessels (focal accumulations and constrictions) occurred at all dose levels (7 to 200 times MRHD) on a body-weight basis (1 to 35 times MRHD on a surface-area basis) in a dose-related fashion. The effect was first observed in the 8th week of dosing, with a progressively increased incidence thereafter, even after cessation of dosing.

At 30 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (15 times MRHD on a surface-area basis), gastric erosions/ulcers were increased in incidence in male rats at 20 and 200 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (3.5 and 35 times MRHD on a surface-area basis); in dogs at 30 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (15 times MRHD on a surface-area basis); and in monkeys at 65 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (20 times MRHD on a surface-area basis). Rabbits developed gastric and intestinal ulcers when given oral doses approximately 30 times MRHD on a body-weight basis (10 times MRHD on a surface-area basis) for only 5 to 7 days.

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Pregnancy Categories C (first trimester) and D (second and third trimesters)
See WARNINGS: Fetal / Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality.

Nursing Mothers
Concentrations of captopril in human milk are approximately one percent of those in maternal blood. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from captopril, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of captopril to the mother. (See PRECAUTIONS: Pediatric Use.)

Pediatric Use
Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. There is limited experience reported in the literature with the use of captopril in the pediatric population; dosage, on a weight basis, was generally reported to be comparable to or less than that used in adults.

Infants, especially newborns, may be more susceptible to the adverse hemodynamic effects of captopril. Excessive, prolonged and unpredictable decreases in blood pressure and associated complications, including oliguria and seizures, have been reported.

Captopril should be used in pediatric patients only if other measures for controlling blood pressure have not been effective.

ADVERSE REACTIONS
Reported incidences are based on clinical trials involving approximately 7000 patients.

Renal: About one of 100 patients developed proteinuria (see WARNINGS). Each of the following has been reported in approximately 1 to 2 of 1000 patients and are of uncertain relationship to drug use: renal insufficiency, renal failure, nephrotic syndrome, polyuria, oliguria, and urinary frequency.

Hematologic: Neutropenia / agranulocytosis has occurred (see WARNINGS). Cases of anemia, thrombocytopenia, and pancytopenia have been reported.

Dermatologic: Rash, often with pruritus, and sometimes with fever, arthralgia, and eosinophilia, occurred in about 4 to 7 (depending on renal status and dose) of 100 patients, usually during the first four weeks of therapy. It is usually maculopapular, and rarely urticarial. The rash is usually mild and disappears within a few days of dosage reduction. Short-term treatment with an antihistaminic agent, and/or discontinuing therapy, remission may occur even if captopril is continued. Pruritus, without rash, occurs in about 2 of 100 patients. Between 7 and 10 percent of patients with skin rash have shown an eosinophilia and/or positive ANA tests. A reversible associated pemphigoid-like lesion, and photosensitivity, have also been reported. Flushing or pallor has been reported in 2 to 5 of 1000 patients.

Cardiovascular: Hypotension may occur. See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS [Drug Interactions] for discussion of hypotension with captopril therapy. Tachycardia, chest pain, and palpitations have each been observed in approximately 1 of 100 patients.

Angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, Raynaud's syndrome, and congestive heart failure have each occurred in 2 to 3 of 1000 patients.

Dysgeusia: Approximately 2 to 4 (depending on renal status and dose) of 100 patients developed a diminution or loss of taste perception. Taste impairment is reversible and usually self-limited (2 to 3 months) even with continued drug administration. Weight loss may be associated with the loss of taste.

Angioedema: Angioedema involving the extremities, face, lips, mucous membranes, tongue, pharynx or larynx has been reported in approximately one in 1000 patients. Angioedema involving the upper airways

has caused total airway obstruction. (See WARNINGS: Angioedema and Information for Patients.)

PRECAUTIONS:
Cough: Cough has been reported in 0.5 to 2% of patients treated with captopril in clinical trials (see PRECAUTIONS: General Cough).

The following have been reported in about 0.5 to 2 percent of patients but did not appear to be increased frequency compared to placebo or other treatments used in controlled trials: gastric irritation, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, constipation, aphthous ulcers, peptic ulcer, dizziness, headache, malaise, fatigue, insomnia, dry mouth, dyspnea, alopecia, paresthesias.

Other clinical adverse effects reported since the drug was marketed are listed below by body system. In this setting, an incidence or causal relationship cannot be accurately determined.

Body as a whole: Anaphylactoid reactions (see WARNINGS: Anaphylactoid and Possibly Related Reactions and PRECAUTIONS: Hemodialysis).
General: Asthenia, gynecomastia, cardiovascular: Cardiac arrest, cerebrovascular accident/insufficiency, rhythm disturbances, orthostatic hypotension, syncope.

Dermatologic: Bullous pemphigus, erythema multiforme (including Stevens-Johnson syndrome), exfoliative dermatitis.
Gastrointestinal: Pancreatitis, glossitis, dyspepsia.

Hematologic: Anemia, including aplastic and hemolytic.
Hepatic/biliary: Jaundice, hepatitis, including rare cases of necrosis, cholestasis.
Metabolic: Symptomatic hyponatremia, hypocalcemia, myalgia, myasthenia.

Nervous/Psychiatric: Ataxia, confusion, depression, nervousness, somnolence.
Respiratory: Bronchospasm, eosinophilic pneumonitis, rhinitis.
Special Senses: Blurred vision.
Urogenital: Impotence.

As with other ACE inhibitors, a syndrome has been reported which may include: fever, myalgia, arthralgia, interstitial nephritis, vasculitis, rash or other dermatologic manifestations, eosinophilia and an elevated ESR.

Fetal/Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality
See WARNINGS: Fetal/Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality.

Altered Laboratory Findings
Serum Electrolytes: Hyperkalemia: small increases in serum potassium, especially in patients with renal impairment (see PRECAUTIONS).

Hypomagnesemia: particularly in patients receiving a low sodium diet or concomitant diuretics.
BUN/Serum Creatinine: Transient elevations of BUN or serum creatinine especially in volume or salt depleted patients or those with renovascular hypertension may occur. Rapid reduction of longstanding or markedly elevated blood pressure can result in decreases in the glomerular filtration rate and, in turn, lead to increases in BUN or serum creatinine.

Hematologic: A positive ANA has been reported.
Liver Function Tests: Elevations of liver transaminases, alkaline phosphatase, and serum bilirubin have occurred.

OVERDOSAGE
Correction of hypotension would be of primary concern. Volume expansion with an intravenous infusion of normal saline is the treatment of choice for restoration of blood pressure.

While captopril may be removed from the adult circulation by hemodialysis, there is inadequate data concerning the effectiveness of hemodialysis for removing it from the circulation of neonates or children. Peritoneal dialysis is not effective for removing captopril; there is no information concerning exchange transfusion for removing captopril from the general circulation.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION
Captopril tablets should be taken one hour before meals. Dosage must be individualized.

Hypertension—Initiation of therapy requires consideration of recent antihypertensive drug treatment, the extent of blood pressure elevation, salt restriction, and other clinical circumstances. If possible, discontinue the patient's previous antihypertensive drug regimen for one week before starting captopril.

The initial dose of captopril is 25 mg bid or tid. If satisfactory reduction of blood pressure has not been achieved after one or two weeks, the dose may be increased to 50 mg bid or tid. Concomitant sodium restriction may be beneficial when captopril is used alone.

The dose of captopril in hypertension usually does not exceed 50 mg tid. Therefore, if the blood pressure has not been satisfactorily controlled after one to two weeks at this dose, (and the patient is not already receiving a diuretic), a modest

dose of a thiazide-type diuretic (e.g., hydrochlorothiazide, 25 mg daily), should be added. The diuretic dose may be increased at one- to two-week intervals until its highest usual antihypertensive dose is reached.

If captopril is being started in a patient already receiving a diuretic, captopril therapy should be initiated under close medical supervision (see WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS [Drug Interactions] regarding hypotension), with dosage and titration of captopril as noted above.

If further blood pressure reduction is required, the dose of captopril may be increased to 100 mg bid or tid and then, if necessary, to 150 mg bid or tid (while continuing the diuretic). The usual dose range is 25 to 150 mg bid or tid. A maximum daily dose of 450 mg captopril should not be exceeded.

For patients with severe hypertension (e.g., accelerated or malignant hypertension), when temporary discontinuation of current antihypertensive therapy is not practical or desirable, or when prompt titration to normotensive blood pressure levels is indicated, diuretic should be continued but other current antihypertensive medication stopped and captopril dosage promptly initiated at 25 mg bid or tid, under close medical supervision.

When necessitated by the patient's clinical condition, the daily dose of captopril may be increased every 24 hours or less under continuous medical supervision until a satisfactory blood pressure response is obtained or the maximum dose of captopril is reached. In this regimen, addition of a more potent diuretic, e.g., furosemide, may also be indicated.

Beta-blockers may also be used in conjunction with captopril therapy (see PRECAUTIONS: Drug Interactions), but the effects of the two drugs are less than additive.

Heart Failure—Initiation of therapy requires consideration of recent diuretic therapy and the possibility of severe salt/volume depletion. In patients with either normal or low blood pressure, who have been vigorously treated with diuretics and who may be hyponatremic and/or hypovolemic, a starting dose of 6.25 or 12.5 mg tid may minimize the magnitude or duration of the hypotensive effect (see WARNINGS: Hypotension); for these patients, titration to the usual daily dosage can then occur within the next several days.

For most patients the usual initial daily dosage is 25 mg tid. After a dose of 50 mg tid is reached, further increases in dosage should be delayed, where possible, for at least two weeks to determine if a satisfactory response occurs. Most patients studied have had a satisfactory clinical improvement at 50 or 100 mg tid. A maximum daily dose of 450 mg of captopril should not be exceeded.

Captopril should generally be used in conjunction with a diuretic and digitalis. Captopril therapy must be initiated under very close medical supervision.

Left Ventricular Dysfunction After Myocardial Infarction: The recommended dose for long-term use in patients following a myocardial infarction is a target maintenance dose of 50 mg tid.

Therapy may be initiated as early as three days following a myocardial infarction. After a single dose of 6.25 mg, captopril therapy should be initiated at 12.5 mg tid. Captopril should then be increased to 25 mg tid during the next several days and to a target dose of 50 mg tid over the next several weeks as tolerated (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

Captopril may be used in patients treated with other post-myocardial infarction therapies, e.g., thrombolytics, aspirin, beta blockers.

Dosage Adjustment in Renal Impairment—Because captopril is excreted primarily by the kidneys, excretion rates are reduced in patients with impaired renal function. These patients will take longer to reach steady-state captopril levels and will reach higher steady-state levels for a given daily dose than patients with normal renal function. Therefore, these patients may respond to smaller or less frequent doses.

Accordingly, for patients with significant renal impairment, initial daily dosage of captopril should be reduced, and smaller increments utilized for titration, which should be quite slow (one- to two-week intervals). After the desired therapeutic effect has been achieved, the dose should be slowly back-titrated to determine the minimal effective dose. When concomitant diuretic therapy is required, a loop diuretic (e.g., furosemide), rather than a thiazide diuretic, is preferred in patients with severe renal impairment. (See WARNINGS: Anaphylactoid Reactions During Membrane Exposure and PRECAUTIONS: Hemodialysis.)

HOW SUPPLIED
Captopril Tablets USP are available as: 12.5 mg tablets in bottles of 100 (NDC 62033-1011-0) and 1000 (NDC 62033-1011-2), 25 mg tablets in bottles of 100 (NDC 62033-1012-0) and 1000 (NDC 62033-1012-2).

50 mg tablets in bottles of 100 (NDC 62033-1013-0) and 1000 (NDC 62033-1013-2), and 150 mg tablets in bottles of 100 (NDC 62033-1014-0). Bottles contain a desiccant-charcoal canister.

The 12.5 mg tablet is a convex-faced diamond with a beveled bar. One side is embossed with "10 | 11" and the other side with "STASON". The 25 mg tablet is a convex-faced diamond with a quadrisection bar. One side is embossed with "10 X 12" and the other side with "STASON". The 50 mg tablet is a convex-faced diamond with a beveled bar. One side is embossed with "10 | 13" and the other side with "STASON". The 100 mg tablet is a convex-faced capsule-shaped tablet with a beveled bar. One side is embossed with "10 | 14" and the other side with "STASON".

All captopril tablets are white and may exhibit a slight sulfurous odor.

Storage
Do not store above 30°C (86°F). Dispense in a tight container. Keep bottles tightly closed (protect from moisture).

CAUTION: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription.

Captopril tablets are manufactured for BOSCOGEN™, INC., Irvine, CA 92718, by Stason Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Irvine, CA 92718.

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CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)

1. CHEMISTRY REVIEW NO.3
2. ANDA # 74-677
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APPLICATION NUMBER 074677

BIOEQUIVALENCE REVIEW(S)

ANDA 74-677

Stason Industrial Corporation
Attention: Min-Liang Pan, Ph.D.
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FEB 24 1997



Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your abbreviated new drug application submitted pursuant to Section 505 (j) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act for Captopril Tablets USP, 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg and 100 mg.

1. The Division of Bioequivalence has completed its review and has no further questions at this time.
2. The dissolution testing will need to be incorporated into your stability and quality control programs as specified in USP 23.

Please note that the bioequivalency comments expressed in this letter are preliminary. The above bioequivalency comments may be revised after review of the entire application, upon consideration of the chemistry, manufacturing and controls, microbiology, labeling or other scientific or regulatory issues. A revised determination may require additional information and/or studies, or may conclude that the proposed formulation is not approvable.

Sincerely yours,

Rabindra Patnaik, Ph.D.
Acting Director, Division of Bioequivalence
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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Captopril Tablets

12.5, 25, 50, and 100 mg

ANDA #74-677

Reviewer: Kuldeep R. Dhariwal

File name: 74677SDW.296

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Submission Date:

February 20, 1996

**Response to Review of Bioequivalence Study,
Dissolution Data, and Waiver Request**

Background:

The firm submitted a single-dose in vivo bioequivalence study under fasting conditions and dissolution data comparing its captopril tablets, 100 mg with Squibb's Capoten® tablets, 100 mg. The firm also requested waivers of in vivo bioequivalence study requirements for its 12.5, 25, and 50 mg tablets (File name: 74677SDW.695).

The bioequivalence study conducted by the firm was found incomplete by the Division of Bioequivalence. The deficiency comments were sent to the firm on January 31, 1996. The firm submitted the response as amendment on February 20, 1996 which was received by Office of Generic Drugs on February 21, 1996 and assigned to this reviewer on **January 28, 1997**.

Response:

1. Comment 1: Please submit all statistical analyses (ANOVA analysis) conducted on the test and reference samples (mean) collected at each sampling time.

Response: The ANOVAs conducted on the plasma captopril concentration at each sampling time are presented. Significant differences between the formulations were observed at 2.50, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00, and 7.00 hours Table 1.

2. Comment 2: Present the results of blood pressure and heart rate measurements (change from baseline as a function of time) for each subject, as well as the mean data in graphical form, for both test and reference formulations.

Response: The baseline-uncorrected and baseline corrected systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, and heart rate measurements of each subject at specified times are tabulated for test and reference formulations. Also, the mean baseline-corrected systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, and heart rate data are plotted over time for both test and reference formulations (Figures 1-3 attached).

3. Comment 3: Please provide the criteria for accepting/rejecting a particular run and the Standard Operating Procedures for analytical methods.

8. Comment 8: For future studies, we request submission of pharmacokinetic data on diskette (3-1/2" preferred). The diskette should contain the following variables, (in the same order, if possible): Subject number, Period, Sequence, Treatment, C_1 - C_{last} , AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} , C_{max} , T_{max} , $T_{1/2}$, and K_{el} .

Response: The firm has submitted study diskette containing the requested data.

Comments:

1. According to _____ submitted by the firm, one set of quality control samples (X-low, low, medium, and high) is needed for every treatment or up to 20 clinical samples which is assigned as a "SECTION". The run #29 and 31 consisted of one section and therefore only one set of QC samples were analysed.

The report of conference on "Analytical Methods Validation: Bioavailability, Bioequivalence and Pharmacokinetic Studies" states that QC samples in duplicate at three concentrations (one near the LOQ, one in midrange, and one approaching the high end of the range) should be incorporated into each run. However, this is a guideline and not a requirement for the industries. The agency does not have a regulation about number of quality control samples to be run along with study samples. Therefore, run #29 and 31 with one set of QC samples are acceptable.

2. The firm describes the following sampling and storage

3. The firm has answered to all the stated deficiencies.

4. The bioequivalence study is acceptable. The 90% confidence intervals are within 80-125% for log transformed AUC_{0-4} , AUC_{0-12} , and C_{max} . The comparative dissolution testing data for the four strengths of the test products meet the USP specifications of NLT (Q) in 20 minutes.

Recommendations:

1. The in vivo bioequivalence study conducted under fasting conditions by Stason Industrial Corporation on its Captopril tablets 100 mg, lot #PJ4002F, comparing it to the reference product Capoten[®] tablets 100 mg, lot #B4J81A, manufactured by Squibb has been found acceptable to the Division of Bioequivalence. The study demonstrates that under fasting conditions, Stason Industrial's Captopril 100 mg tablet is bioequivalent to the reference product Capoten[®] 100 mg tablet manufactured by Squibb.

2. The dissolution testing data on the test product are acceptable. The dissolution testing should be incorporated into firm's manufacturing controls and stability programs. The dissolution testing should be conducted in 900 mL of 0.1N HCl at 37°C using apparatus I (basket) at 50 rpm. The test products should meet the following specifications:

Not less than (Q) of the labeled amount of captopril in the dosage form is dissolved in 20 minutes.

3. The firm's 12.5 mg, 25 mg, and 50 mg tablets are proportionally similar in their active and inactive ingredients to the 100 mg strength which underwent the acceptable bioequivalence study. The dissolution profiles of all strengths of the test products are similar to their respective strengths of the reference products. The waiver of in vivo bioequivalence study requirements for the firm's 12.5 mg, 25 mg, and 50 mg tablets is granted.

4. From the bioequivalence point of view, the firm has met the requirements of in vivo bioequivalency and in vitro dissolution testing, and the application is acceptable.

2/13/97
Kuldeep R. Dhariwal, Ph.D.
Review Branch II
Division of Bioequivalence

Table 1

Mean Captopril Plasma Concentration (ng/mL) and Pharmacokinetic Parameters (N=28): Arithmetic Means and Standard Deviation (SD)

Time (h)	Test		Reference		Test/Ref	Significance at p=0.05
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Plasma Concentrations						
0	0.00	-	0.0			
0.25	263.12	267.56	264.69	219.64	0.99	NS
0.50	954.79	475.74	864.82	450.17	1.10	NS
0.75	1155.36	614.95	992.75	304.73	1.16	NS
1.00	772.50	253.30	744.50	225.05	1.04	NS
1.25	591.11	237.06	567.89	192.21	1.04	NS
1.50	410.71	157.09	384.36	121.19	1.07	NS
1.75	284.04	95.25	260.25	77.56	1.09	NS
2.00	195.82	58.59	177.78	55.83	1.10	NS
2.50	109.81	32.41	97.46	27.42	1.13	0.0218
3.00	70.58	17.39	67.29	21.59	1.05	NS
3.50	47.34	10.71	45.08	14.69	1.05	NS
4.00	33.04	8.35	31.10	8.38	1.06	NS
4.50	27.03	6.97	24.90	6.54	1.08	0.0317
5.00	21.43	5.39	19.65	4.90	1.09	0.0139
6.00	15.68	4.65	14.45	3.72	1.08	0.0124
7.00	11.44	2.82	10.50	3.22	1.09	0.0243
8.00	8.26	2.11	7.91	2.53	1.04	NS
10.00	5.57	1.42	5.37	1.52	1.04	NS
Pharmacokinetic Parameters						
AUC _{0-∞} (ng/mLxh)	1386	387	1276	297	1.09	
AUC _{0-inf} (ng/mLxh)	1409	391	1300	301	1.08	
C _{max} (ng/mL)	1213	609	1079	390	1.12	
T _{max} (h)	0.74	0.19	0.70	0.16	1.06	
T _{1/2} (h)	2.78	0.48	2.95	0.69	0.94	
KELM (h ⁻¹)	0.26	0.04	0.25	0.04	1.04	

KELM: Terminal elimination constant

Table 2

Captopril Plasma Concentrations: Pharmacokinetic Parameters
Least Square Means \pm Standard Error

Parameter	Test	Reference	Test/Ref	90% Confidence Interval
AUC _{0-t} (ng/mLxh)	1386.4 \pm 36.4	1276.3 \pm 36.4	1.09	
AUC _{0-inf} (ng/mLxh)	1409.0 \pm 36.7	1299.6 \pm 36.7	1.08	
C _{max} (ng/mL)	1212.9 \pm 78.1	1079.4 \pm 78.1	1.12	
LNAUC _{0-t}	7.20 \pm 0.026	7.13 \pm 0.026	1.01	101.2-114.7
LNAUC _{0-inf}	7.22 \pm 0.026	7.14 \pm 0.026	1.01	101.1-114.4
LNC _{max}	7.01 \pm 0.050	6.93 \pm 0.050	1.01	96.26-122.7

MEAN CAPTOPRIL SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE

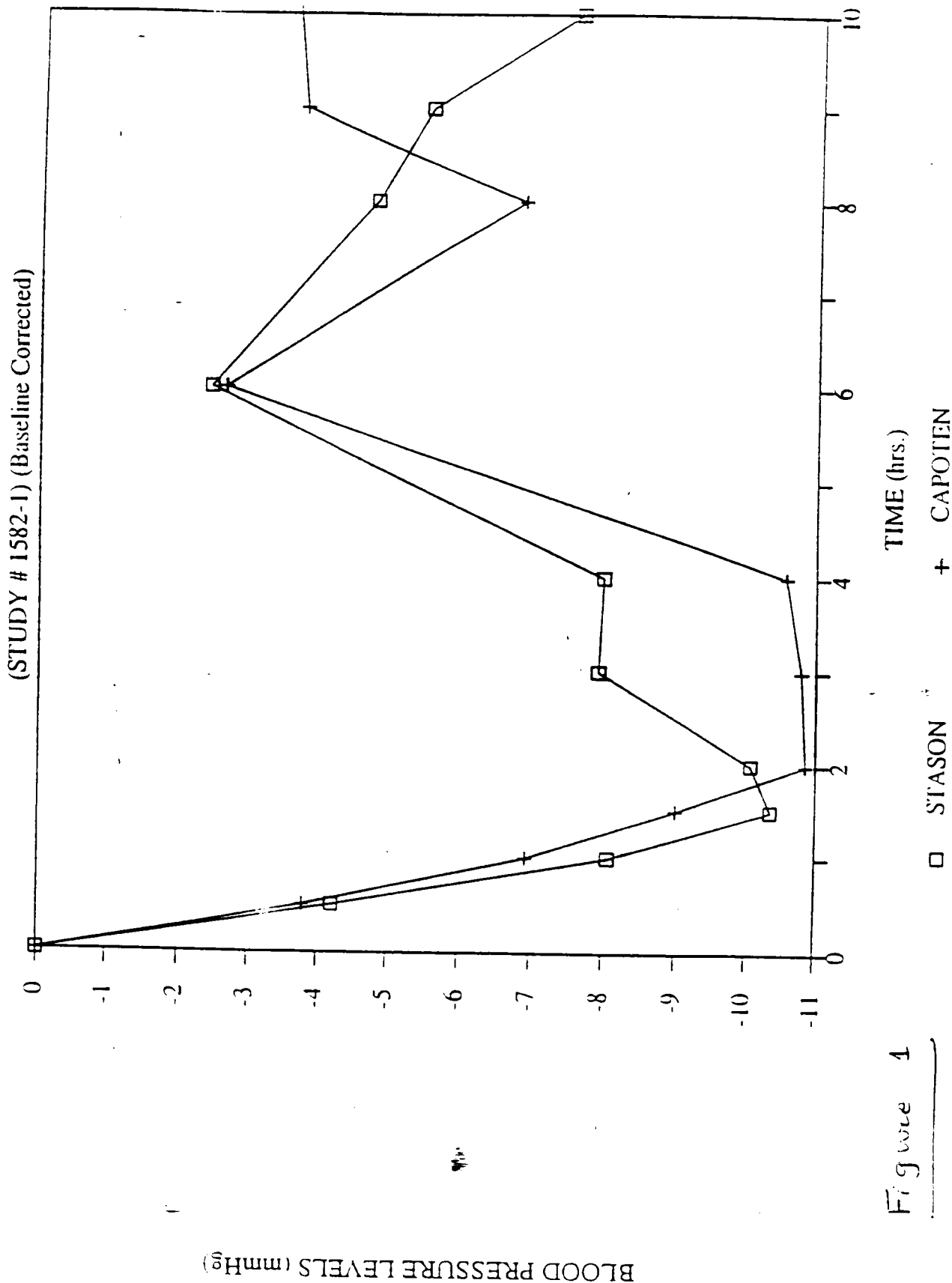


Figure 1

MEAN CAPTOPRIL DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE

(STUDY # 1582-1) (Baseline Corrected)

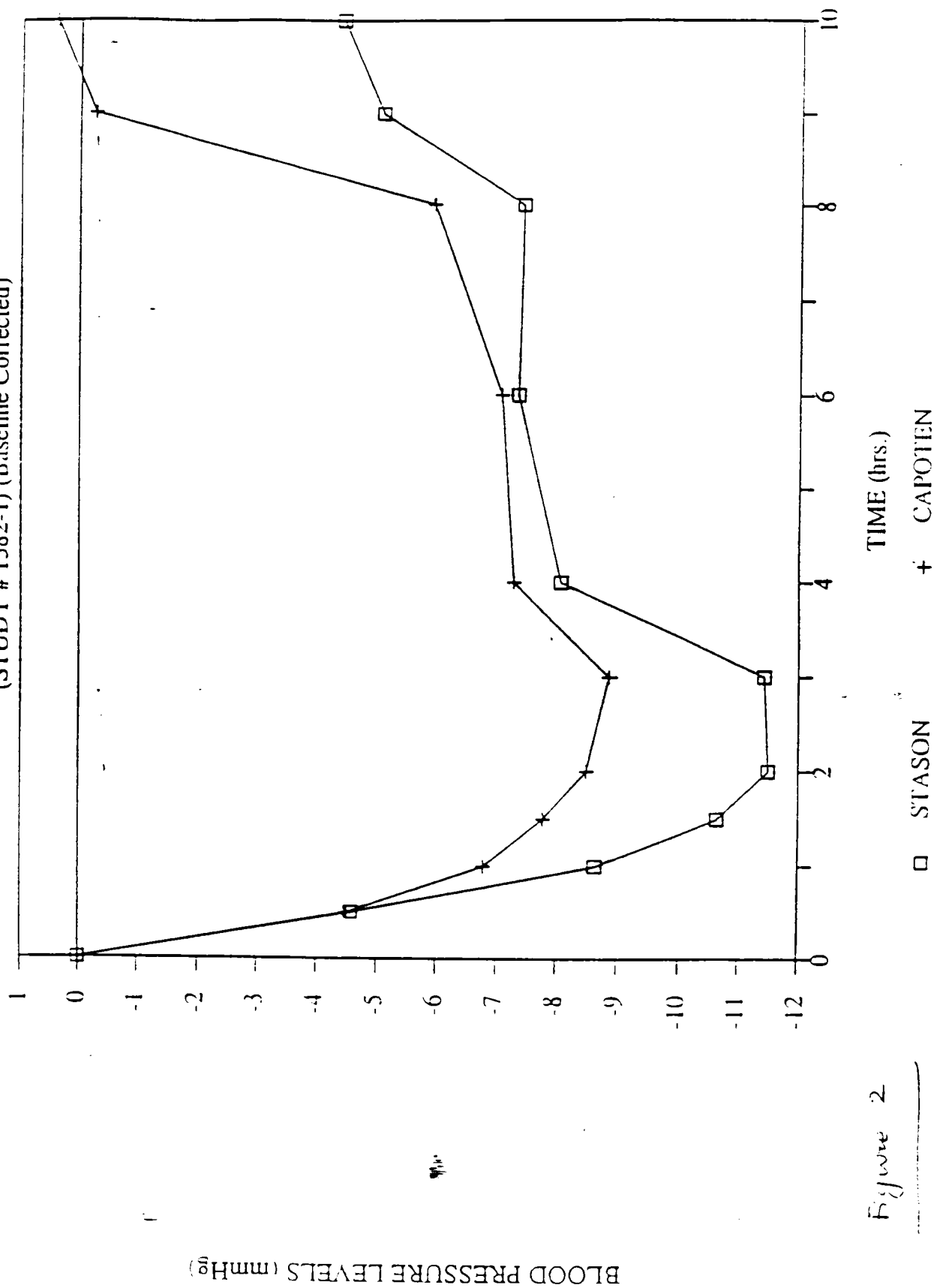


Figure 2

MEAN CAPTOPRIL HEART RATE LEVELS

(STUDY # 1582-1) (Baseline Corrected)

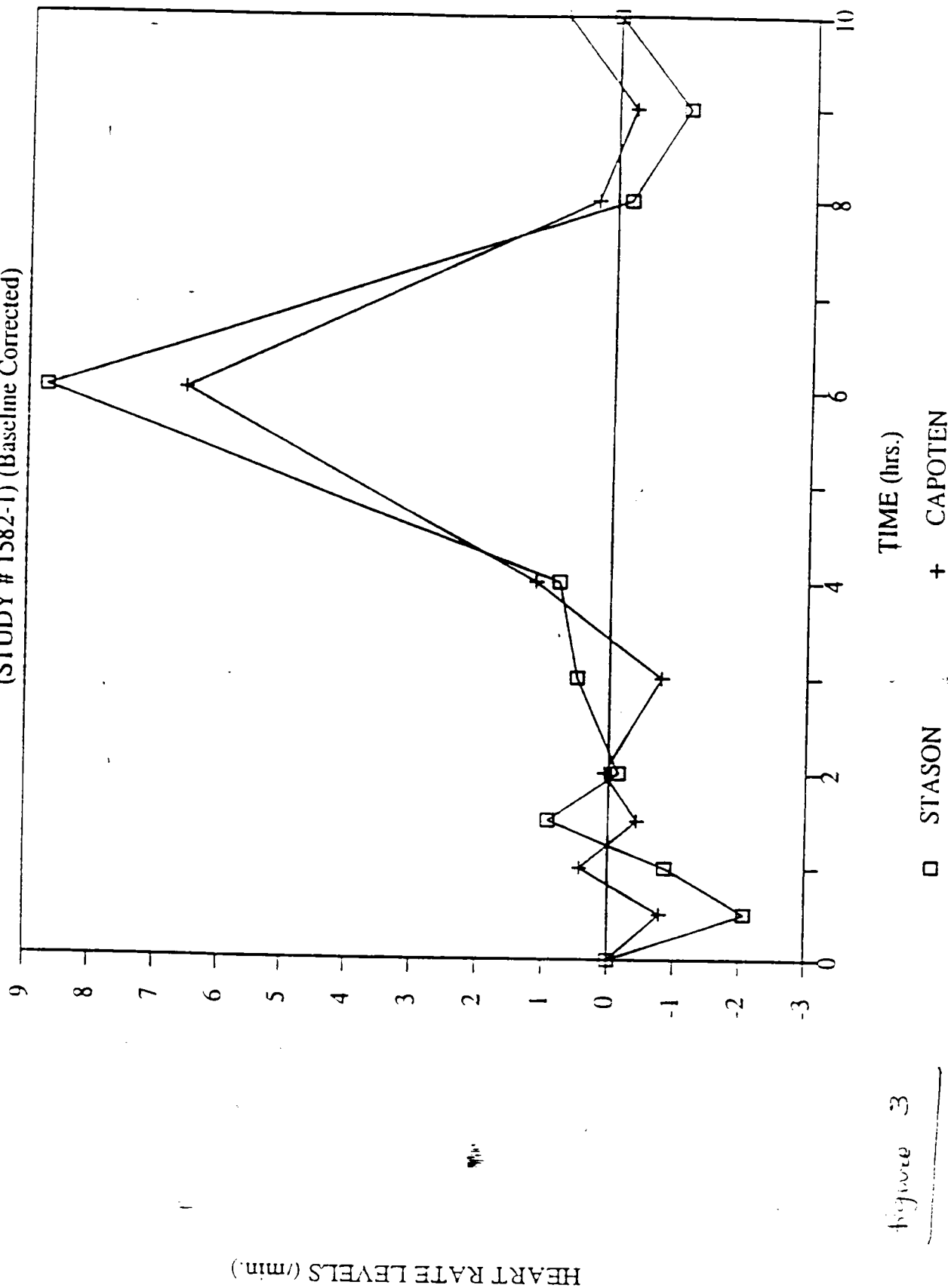


Figure 3

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Captopril Tablets

12.5, 25, 50, and 100 mg

ANDA # 74-677

Reviewer: Kuldeep R. Dhariwal

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Submission Date:

June 2, 1995

**Review of Bioequivalence Study, Dissolution Data,
and Waiver Request**

The firm has submitted a single-dose *in vivo* bioequivalence study under fasting conditions and dissolution data comparing its captopril tablets, 100 mg with Squibb's Capoten[®] tablets, 100 mg. The firm has also requested waivers of *in vivo* bioequivalence study requirements for its 12.5, 25, and 50 mg tablets. To support the request, the firm has submitted comparative dissolution profiles on 12.5, 25, and 50 mg strengths of its product and reference listed drug Capoten[®].

Introduction:

Captopril is designated chemically as 1-[(2S)-3-mercapto-2-methylpropionyl]-L-proline. It is an antihypertensive and angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor. This enzyme converts angiotensin I, an inactive decapeptide, to angiotensin II, a potent endogenous vasoconstrictor.

After oral administration, rapid absorption occurs with peak blood levels at about one hour. The presence of food in the gastrointestinal tract reduces absorption by about 30-40%, it is therefore labeled to be dosed one hour before meals.

Approximately 25 to 30% of the circulating drug is bound to plasma proteins. The elimination half-life of captopril is about 2 hours. About 40-50% of the excreted drug in the urine is unchanged captopril.

The reference product is Capoten[®] by Squibb and is available in four strengths: 12.5, 25, 50, and 100 mg. Its dosage must be individualized.

Bioavailability of Captopril 100 mg Tablets Under Fasting Conditions:

A. Objective:

The objective of this study is to compare the single-dose bioavailability of Stason Industrial Corporation and Squibb (Capoten®) 100 mg captopril tablets under fasting conditions.

B. Study Sites and Investigators:

Clinical Site:

Analytical Site:

Medical Director and Principal Investigator:

Study Director:

Medical Associate:

Protocol #1582-1: A two-way, open-label, single dose, fasting bioavailability study of captopril 100 mg tablets in normal, healthy, non-smoking male volunteers

The protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Board of
(page 200, vol. 1.1)

Consent Form: A copy of the volunteer informed consent form used in the study is given on page 177 (vol. 1.1)

Study Dates: Phase I April 23, 1995

Phase II April 30, 1995

Analysis Dates: May 5 to May 17, 1995

C. Study Design:

The study was designed as a single-dose, open-label, randomized, two-way crossover design. The study was executed in two phases with a seven days washout period between drug administrations. The subjects were housed in the clinic at 9 p.m of the evening prior to each drug administration and until the final 10.0 hour post-drug blood draw of each study phase. The subjects were assigned to two groups at random as follows:

Sequence	Subject number	Phase I	Phase II
1	3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	A	B
2	1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28	B	A

A: Captopril Tablets, 1x100 mg, Stason Industrial Corporation;
Lot# PJ4002F; Lot size: tablets; Manufacture Date:
10/24/94; Assay: 104.6%; Content Uniformity: 106.6%

B: Capoten[®] Tablets, 1x100 mg, Squibb; Lot# B4J81A; Expiration Date: 4/99; Assay: 102.1%; Uniformity of dosage units:

The subjects fasted for ten hours prior to drug administration and until 4.5 hours post-dose. Water was freely allowed except within one hour of drug administration. The drug products were administered with 240 mL of water. The subjects remained ambulatory for the first hour following drug administration. At 4.5 and 9.5 hours postdrug administration, standardized, xanthine-free meals, including a non-caffeine containing beverage were provided to all subjects. Identical meals were served during both housing periods. Blood pressure and heart rate were monitored during each study phase at 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 hours post dose. Post-study hematology, clinical chemistry, and urinalysis testing was done on all subjects.

D. Subject Selection:

Twenty-eight normal, healthy, non-smoking male volunteers were enrolled in the study. Following inclusion criteria were used in selecting the subjects:

- 18-50 years of age
- no more than $\pm 10\%$ from ideal weight for height as determined by the Table of Desirable Weights for Men (Society of Actuaries and Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America, 1980)
- good health as determined by medical histories and physical examinations. Blood chemistry, hematology, and urinalysis values within clinically acceptable limits

Subjects were excluded from the study based on the following criteria:

- known history of hypersensitivity to captopril or related drugs
- known history or presence of cardiac, pulmonary, gastrointestinal, endocrine, neuromuscular, neurological, hematological, liver or kidney disease or any condition known to interfere with the absorption, distribution, metabolism or excretion of drugs
- known history of asthma, chronic bronchitis or other bronchospastic condition
- known history of systemic lupus erythematosus, drug dependency, or serious psychological disease
- presence of any significant physical or organ abnormality
- blood donation within previous 60 days
- use of enzyme-inducing and enzyme-inhibiting drugs within 30 days prior to entry into the study
- regular use of medication, abuse of alcoholic beverages, or participation in a clinical trial with an investigational drug within 30 days preceding the study
- positive urine test for drugs of abuse

Subjects were imposed with following restrictions:

- no drugs similar to the one under study or administration of any medication (including over-the-counter preparations) within 14 days preceding entry into the study
- no alcohol consumption for 48 hours prior to each phase of the study
- no xanthine containing foods including tea, coffee, chocolate and cola drinks for 48 hours prior to each phase of the study

E. Sample Collection:

F. Analytical Methods:

G. Pharmacokinetics/Statistical Analysis:

Area under the concentration-time curve (AUC) was calculated by linear interpolation between consecutive drug levels. AUC_{0-t} was calculated from zero to the last non-zero concentration (C_t). AUC_{0-inf} was calculated by extrapolation of AUC_{0-t} by C_t/KE . To calculate the elimination rate constant (KE), regression analyses were performed on the natural log of plasma concentration values versus time. Calculations were based on the most linear portion of the terminal elimination phase as shown in semi-log plots of individual subject data. The KE was taken as the slope multiplied by (-1). All ANOVAs were performed with the SAS General Linear Models Procedure. For all analyses, effects were considered statistically significant if the probability associated with 'F' was less than 0.05. Based on the pair-wise comparisons of the log transformed AUC and C_{max} data, the relative ratios of the geometric means and the 90% geometric confidence intervals were determined.

H. Results:

1. Clinical:

All twenty-eight subjects who entered the study, completed the study. Blood pressure and heart rate were monitored during each study phase at 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 hours. The firm has provided the measurements in a tabular form.

Adverse events:

Following subjects experienced adverse events during the study, all of which resolved without any medication:

Subject #	Phase	Product	Sign/Symptom
10	I	ref	headache
20	I	ref	headache
27	I	ref	lightheaded
10	II	test	indigestion
20	II	test	headache
24	II	ref	headache

Post-study laboratory results for all subjects were either considered within the reference range or clinically not significant.

Protocol deviations:

A few deviations from the scheduled phlebotomy time occurred during the study:

Subject #	Phase	Product	Deviation
19	II	ref	0.5 h sample was drawn 1 min. late
20	II	test	0.5 h sample was drawn 1 min. late
4	II	ref	6 h sample was drawn 19 min. early 8 h sample was drawn 26 min. early

Repeat assays:

2. Analytical:

3. Pharmacokinetics/Statistics:

The mean plasma concentrations of captopril at each time point after test and reference products are shown in Table 1. The plots of the mean plasma captopril levels for the two formulations over the 10 hour sampling period are presented in Figures 1 and 2, in linear and semi-log formats. The arithmetic mean for each parameter is tabulated in Table 1 and the results of the analysis of variance are summarized in Table 2. There is no statistically significant difference between the two formulations for any parameter. Based on the least squares means of the logarithmically transformed parameters, the AUC_{0-t} and AUC_{0-inf} for the test product are about 9% higher than the respective estimates for the reference product. The C_{max} for the test product was 11% higher than that for the reference product and occurred 2 minutes later.

The reviewer performed some calculations to determine the accuracy of the values given in the application:

Drug Product: Captopril (Test)

Subject #	Reviewer		Firm	
	AUC_{0-t}	AUC_{0-inf}	AUC_{0-t}	AUC_{0-inf}
3	1286.75	1307.91	1286.68	1307.85
7	1092.86	1111.60	1092.88	1111.64
24	1281.96	1299.30	1282.00	1299.31

The results of these calculations indicate good agreement between reviewer's calculations and the data reported by the firm.

The individual mean ratios for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} , and C_{max} are summarized in Table 3. The test/reference ratio for AUC_{0-t} ranged from (mean 1.097), AUC_{0-inf} ranged from (mean 1.095) and for C_{max} ranged from with a mean of 1.167.

Table 4 shows the AUC_{0-t}/AUC_{0-inf} ratios for individual subjects. The ratios range from 0.96-0.99 for test and 0.96-0.99 for reference product.

The following are the 90% confidence intervals provided by the firm along with those calculated by the reviewer:

Parameter	90% Confidence Interval	
	Firm's values	Reviewer's values
LNAUC _{0-t}	101.19-114.66	101.19-114.66
LNAUC _{0-inf}	101.11-114.41	101.11-114.41
LNC _{max}	96.26-122.67	96.26-122.67

The 90% confidence intervals for AUC_{0-t}, AUC_{0-inf}, and C_{max} are within the acceptable range of 80-125. Statistical analysis of the data did not show any significant period or sequence effect for AUC_{0-t}, AUC_{0-inf}, and C_{max}. However, there was statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) treatment effect for AUC_{0-t} ($p=0.0424$) and AUC_{0-inf} ($p=0.0449$). But the p values for LAUC_{0-t} and LAUC_{0-inf} were 0.0529 and 0.0549 respectively for treatment effect.

In Vitro Dissolution Testing:

The firm has submitted comparative dissolution data for test and reference products using USP dissolution method. The dissolution testing was done in 900 mL of 0.1N HCl using apparatus 1 (basket) at 50 rpm. The assay methodology was The 100 mg tablets used in the dissolution tests were from the same lot used in the *in vivo* bioequivalence study. The firm has demonstrated that of the test products are dissolved in 20 minutes. The dissolution profiles for the test and reference products are similar (Table 6).

Waiver Request:

The firm is requesting for a waiver of *in vivo* bioequivalence study for its captopril 12.5 mg, 25 mg, and 50 mg tablets. The comparative quantitative composition of all strengths are shown in Table 5. The 12.5 mg, 25 mg, and 50 mg tablets are proportionally similar in their active and inactive ingredients to the 100 mg strength. The dissolution profiles of all strengths of the test products are similar to their respective strengths of the reference products (Table 6). All test and reference products dissolve greater than in 20 minutes.

Second source of active ingredient:

The firm has also used another source of active ingredient to manufacture four strengths of captopril tablets. The firm has submitted the dissolution data for these tablets and compared them with the reference product (Table 7). The dissolution data of test tablets manufactured using second source of active ingredient are acceptable.

Comments:

1. All twenty-eight subjects who entered the study, completed the study. Four subjects experienced adverse effects, all of which resolved without any medication. Post-study laboratory results for all subjects were either considered within the reference range or clinically not significant.
2. Based on the least squares means of the logarithmically transformed parameters, the AUC_{0-t} and AUC_{0-inf} for the test product are about 9% higher than the respective estimates for the reference product. The C_{max} for the test product was 11% higher than that for the reference product and occurred 2 minutes later. The 90% confidence intervals for log transformed data for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} , and C_{max} are within the acceptable range of 80-125.
3. There were no statistical significant period or sequence effects for AUC_{0-t} , AUC_{0-inf} , and C_{max} . However, there was statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) treatment effect for AUC_{0-t} ($p=0.0424$) and AUC_{0-inf} ($p=0.0449$). But the p values for $LAUC_{0-t}$ and $LAUC_{0-inf}$ were 0.0529 and 0.0549 respectively for treatment effect.
4. The dissolution testing was done using USP method. The comparative dissolution testing data for the four strengths of the test products meet the USP specifications of NLT (Q) in 20 minutes. The four strengths of the test products are proportionally similar in their active and inactive ingredients.
5. The firm has also used another source of active ingredient to manufacture four strengths of captopril tablets. The firm has submitted the dissolution data for these tablets and compared them with the reference product (Table 7). The dissolution data of test tablets manufactured using second source of active ingredient are acceptable.
6. **NOT TO BE RELEASED UNDER FOI:** In the present study, following values for elimination rate constant (KEL) and half-life ($T_{1/2}$) are reported:

Deficiencies:

1. The firm is requested to submit all statistical analyses (ANOVA analysis) conducted on the test and reference samples (mean) collected at each sampling time.
2. The firm is requested to present results of blood pressure and heart rate measurements (change from baseline as a function of time) for each subject as well as the mean data in graphical form for test and reference formulations.
3. The firm should give the criteria for accepting/rejecting a particular run. Also, please provide Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for analytical methods.

7. The 6 and 8 hour blood samples for subject #4 in phase II were drawn 19 and 26 minutes early, respectively. Which phlebotomy time (actual or scheduled) was used to calculate area under the curve?

8. For future studies, the firm is requested to submit pharmacokinetic data on diskette also.

Recommendations:

1. The *in vivo* bioequivalence study conducted under fasting conditions by Stason Industrial Corporation on its captopril tablets, 100 mg, lot #PJ4002F, comparing it to the reference product Capoten[®] tablets, 100 mg, lot #B4J81A has been found incomplete by the Division of Bioequivalence for the reasons given in the deficiency.

2. The dissolution testing data on the test product are acceptable. The dissolution testing should be incorporated into firm's manufacturing controls and stability programs. The dissolution testing should be conducted in 900 mL of 0.1N HCl at 37°C using apparatus I (basket) at 50 rpm. The test products should meet the following specifications:

Not less than of the labeled amount of captopril in the dosage form is dissolved in 20 minutes.

3. The waiver of the *in vivo* bioequivalence study requirements for the firm's 12.5 mg, 25 mg, and 50 mg tablets is denied pending approval of the 100 mg strength of the test product.

4. From the Bioequivalence viewpoint, the firm has met the *in vitro* dissolution requirements, but not the *in vivo* bioequivalence requirements and the application is not approvable.

The firm should be informed of the deficiencies and recommendations.

1/19/96

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AUC_{0-t}/AUC_{0-inf} Ratio for Individual Subjects

Subject	AUC _{0-t} /AUC _{0-inf} Ratio	
	Test	Reference
1		
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3		
4		
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25		
26		
27		
28		
Mean	0.983	0.982
SD (±)	0.640	0.740
CV (%)	0.650	0.760
Range		

Table 5

Comparative Quantitative Composition of Captopril Tablets

Ingredient	% w/w	Strength (mg)			
		12.5	25	50	100
		Amount per tablet (mg)			
Captopril, USP	18.18	12.50	25.00	50.00	100.00
Lactose Monohydrate, NF					
Microcrystalline Cellulose, NF					
Starch, NF					
Stearic Acid, NF					
Total	100.0	68.75	137.5	275.0	550.0

Inactive Ingredients of reference listed drug (Squibb)

Microcrystalline Cellulose
 Corn Starch
 Lactose
 Stearic Acid

Table 6. In Vitro Dissolution Testing

Drug (Generic Name): Captopril Tablets
Dose Strength: 100 mg, 50 mg, 25 mg, 12.5 mg
ANDA No.: 74-677
Firm: Stason Industrial Corporation
Submission Date: June 2, 1995
File Name: 74677SDW.695

I. Conditions for Dissolution Testing:

USP XXII Basket: X Paddle: RPM: 50
No. Units Tested: 12
Medium: 0.1N HCl Volume: 900 mL
Specifications: NLT (Q) in 20 minutes
Reference Drug: Capoten® Tablets (Squibb)
Assay Methodology:

II. Results of In Vitro Dissolution Testing:

Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot #PJ4002 Strength(mg) 100			Reference Product Lot # B4J81A Strength(mg) 100		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	98		3.9	98		1.3
20	102		1.7	98		1.2
30	102		1.5	98		1.2

Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PJ4005 Strength(mg) 50			Reference Product Lot # B4J76A Strength(mg) 50		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	98		3.6	100		3.4
20	100		2.6	102		1.5
30	100		2.9	102		1.4

Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PJ4004 Strength(mg) 25			Reference Product Lot # C4K08A Strength(mg) 25		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	99		4.4	98		3.0
20	100		4.1	100		3.2
30	100		4.1	100		3.3
Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PJ4003 Strength(mg) 12.5			Reference Product Lot # B4J63A Strength(mg) 12.5		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	93		8.0	94		5.9
20	98		3.7	101		3.6
30	97		6.3	100		4.6

Table 7. In Vitro Dissolution Testing
(second source of active ingredient)

Drug (Generic Name): Captopril Tablets
Dose Strength: 100 mg, 50 mg, 25 mg, 12.5 mg
ANDA No.: 74-677
Firm: Stason Industrial Corporation
Submission Date: June 2, 1995
File Name: 74677SDW.695

I. Conditions for Dissolution Testing:

USP XXII Basket: X Paddle: RPM: 50
No. Units Tested: 12
Medium: 0.1N HCl Volume: 900 mL
Specifications: NLT (Q) in 20 minutes
Reference Drug: Capoten® Tablets (Squibb)
Assay Methodology:

II. Results of In Vitro Dissolution Testing:

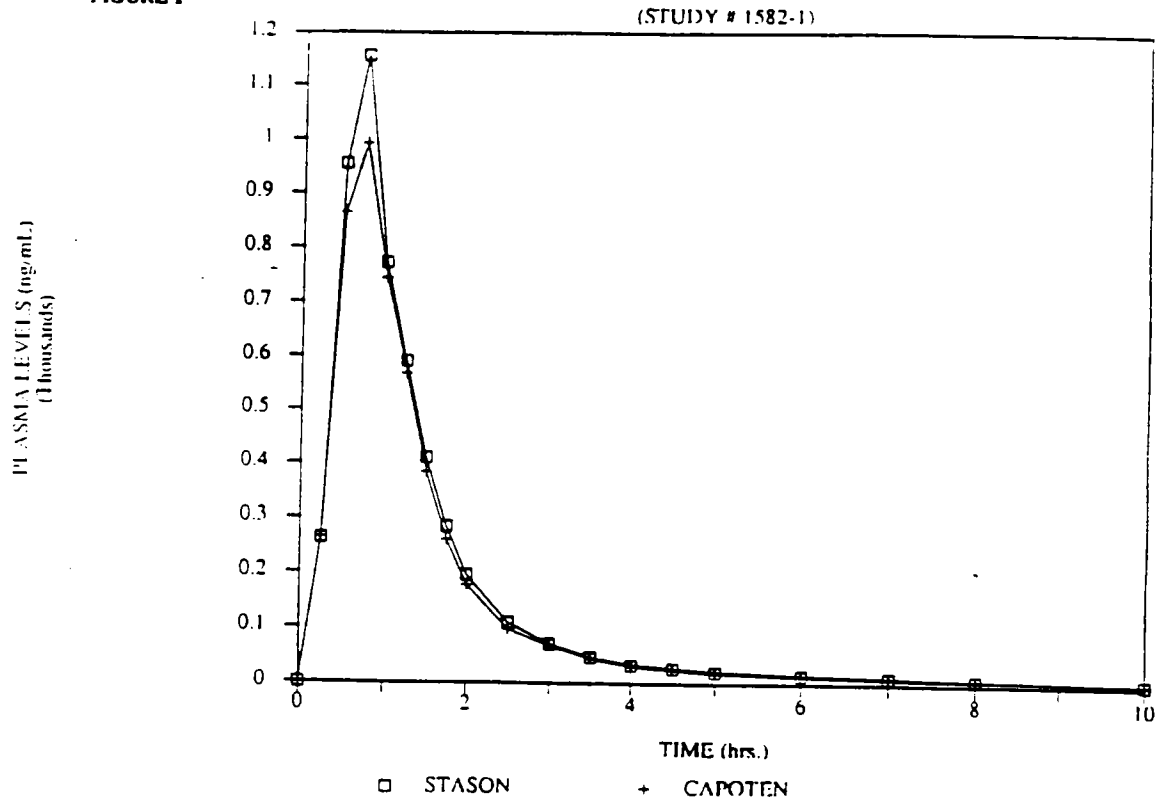
Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PL4005 Strength(mg) 100			Reference Product Lot # B4J81A Strength(mg) 100		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	94		3.2	97		2.3
20	98		4.8	98		2.0
30	99		3.7	99		1.4

Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PL4004 Strength(mg) 50			Reference Product Lot # B4J76A Strength(mg) 50		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	97		3.8	100		1.8
20	99		3.0	100		1.6
30	100		3.4	100		1.9

Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PL4003 Strength(mg) 25			Reference Product Lot # C4K08A Strength(mg) 25		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	97		3.5	94		6.7
20	100		2.8	99		3.3
30	99		2.8	98		3.1
Sampling Times (Min)	Test Product Lot # PL4002 Strength(mg) 12.5			Reference Product Lot # B4J63A Strength(mg) 12.5		
	Mean %	Range	%CV	Mean %	Range	%CV
10	98		4.5	99		6.1
20	102		2.9	102		3.6
30	101		2.8	101		3.7

MEAN PLASMA CAPTOPRIL LEVELS

FIGURE 1



SEMI-LOG MEAN PLASMA CAPTOPRIL LEVELS

FIGURE 2

